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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET MARRIAGES: FRIEDMAN-FEDICHEVA
REF: MOSCOW 7652

1. MARTIN FRIEDMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY THREE FRIENDS, VISITED DEPARTMENT JUNE 3 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN HIS MARRIAGE TO FEDICHEVA. FRIEDMAN SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH FEDICHEVA BY TELEPHONE ON JUNE 2 AND THAT IN SPITE OF BAD CONNECTION, HE HAD ASSURED HER OF HIS CONCERN AND HAD LEARNED THAT FEDICHEVA AND SON ARE IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS.

2. WE EXPLAINED TO FRIEDMAN THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT HAD RAISED HIS CASE WITH SOVIETS ONLY ON BASIS OF REPRESENTING INTERESTS OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, I.E. HIS INTERESTS, AND THAT ANY FURTHER USG EFFORTS IN CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY FRIEDMAN. FRIEDMAN SAID HE PLANS TO WRITE TO SOV DIRECTOR ASKING DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO SAVE HIS MARRIAGE AND TO ASSIST FEDICHEVA
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3. FRIEDMAN SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT FEDICHEVA HAS APPLIED FOR EXIT PERMISSION AND THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THIS DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION. HE ASKED WHETHER CONGEN COULD ASSIST IN OBTAINING THIS INFORMATION. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER CONGEN COULD ISSUE

WRITTEN INVITATION TO FEDICHEVA TO VISIT CONSULATE TO DISCUSS HER ALTERNATIVES.

4. WE AGREED TO ADVISE CONGEN OF FRIEDMAN'S REQUEST AND TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION SEEMED APPROPRIATE WHEN HIS LETTER IS RECEIVED.

5. WE ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIETS SOMETIMES CITE MOTIVES OF PARTNERS, I.E. ABSENCE OF GENUINE MARRIAGE, AS BASIS FOR BLOCKING MARRIAGE BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SOVIET SPOUSES OR AS BASIS FOR DENYING EXIT PERMISSION TO SOVIET SPOUSE. FRIEDMAN SAID HE HAD HEARD THIS ISSUE RAISED AT TIME OF HIS MARRIAGE BUT GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HIS MARRIAGE TO FEDICHEVA IS MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE.

6. ACTION: REQUEST CONGEN'S COMMENTS ON ISSUES RAISED IN PARA THREE. KISSINGER

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